

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for the production of transversely ribbed tubes, comprising:

mold jaw halves which are circulantly movable in a condition of bearing against each other along two guide paths by means of a respective associated drive device, wherein the two guide paths have a common mold section, a respective return section and two respective direction-changing sections, wherein the respective direction-changing section has a direction-changing member provided with an arcuate guide edge for the mold jaw halves;

wherein the respective direction-changing member comprises a low-wear plastic material and is linearly movably guidedly arranged on a base element fixed with respect to the ~~machine~~ apparatus and is connected to a compensating device which is compensating for a tolerance play, which is dependent on the temperature and/or the speed of the mold jaw halves, which circulate along the associated guide path wherein the respective direction-changing member is provided with a clothoid-like guide edge for the associated mold jaw halves.
2. (Previously presented) The apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the compensating device has an air spring which can be subjected to the action of compressed air.
3. (Previously presented) The apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the plastic material has oil inclusions.